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# BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

# Ex parte HASHEM AKHAVAN-TAFTI

Application 10/715,284 Technology Center: 1600

Mailed: January 23, 2009

Before GLORIA HENDERSON, Review Team Paralegal HENDERSON, Review Team Paralegal.

## ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 4, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on April 12, 2007. It is not apparent from the record that the examiner considered the statement submitted or notified applicants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

### EXAMINER'S ANSWER

Further, the Examiner's Answer filed on January 14, 2008, is missing the following heading (11) Related Proceedings(s) Appendix. Appropriate correction is required.

Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is being electronically returned to the Examiner:

- $1) \ for \ consideration \ of the \ Information \ Disclosure \ Statement \ filed$   $April \ 12, 2007;$
- issue and mail a PTOL-90 to include the missing Related Proceedings(s) Appendix;
  - 3) and for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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